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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS

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- 1. DURING MY FIRST CALL ON FINANCE MINISTER HURTADO MAY 15 I DREW HIS ATTENTION TO THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND LEFT WITH HIM EXTRACTS OF THE KEY PASSAGES IN SPANISH. HURTADO TOLD ME THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ HAS ASSOCIATED HIMSELF WITH A PROPOSAL TO RECONVENE THE PREPCON WHICH THE SHAH OF IRAN WAS TO MAKE IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE SHAH WAS TO PROPOSE THAT THE AGENDA PROBLEM BE OVERCOME BY AGREEING TO ESTABLISH FOUR SEPARATE "COMMISSIONS" TO DEAL RESPECTIVELY WITH ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION.
- 2. HURTADO SAID THE FOUR ENTITIES WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO PROCEED IN STEP TOWARD CONCURRENT SOLUTIONS - ONLY TO BEGIN WORK AT THE SAME TIME. IN PARTICULAR, HE THOUGHT PROGRESS WOULD COME FASTER ON ENERGY AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION THAN WITH RESPECT TO THE EXTREMELY COMPLEX MONETARY ISSUES.
- 3. HURTADO EMPHASIZED THAT THE SHAH'S PROPOSAL IS MEANT TO OPEN THE WAY TO PRAGMATIC DIALOGUE. HE SAID THE GOV VERY MUCH FAVORS A RESUMPTION OF THE PREPCON, BUT WITHOUT AROUSING UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS.
- 4. I ALSO REVIEWED THE SALIENT POINTS IN THE REFTEL WITH ACTING CONFIDENTIAL

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FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN RAPHAEL ON MAY 13. HE PROMISED TO PASS

OUR VIEWS ALONG TO THE PRESIDENT. RAPHAEL LIMITED HIS REACTION TO THE COMMENT THAT IT WAS MOST "OPPORTUNE" FOR THE SECRETARY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF RAW MATERIALS AT THIS TIME.

5. I AM HOPING TO SEE PRESIDENT PEREZ SOMETIME NEXT WEEK FOR AN INFORMAL TALK. THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTIONS TO OR GUIDANCE ON WHATEVER PROPOSAL THE SHAH DOES MAKE IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE MOST USEFUL TO HAVE FOR THAT OCCASION.
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